Attention FDA

O 1 2 1 '00 MAY -4 MO:26 It came to my attention that the FDA is being asked to take away my right to sign a medical waiver before purchasing a hearing aid. Instead I would be forced to have a medical exam or hearing test. Here's my views and/or experiences on several related questions?

1. Should I be forced to have a medical exam and/or hearing test before purchasing a hearing aid?) If so, should the FDA pay for the exam?

Not as long as lam mantally sound and capable of making my own decisions, unless the FDA will supply making my own decisions, unless the FDA will supply me with transportation to an examiner and pay for the exam and the price difference

2. Some people are physically unable to drive to a doctor or hearing specialist, or have had bad experiences they don't want to repeat. For instance ...

Am 89 years old, have had two Total Knee replacements and do most of my shopping by mail

3. Should the FDA take away my Constitutional Right, affirmed by the Supreme Court, to decide for myself my medical exams and treatment?

Definately Not!

4. Should I be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose?

Absolutely ! That and girte a number of other medical and pharmaceutical supplies

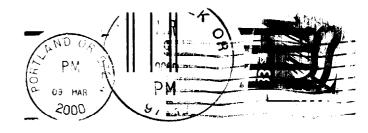
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